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Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified patent application proposes to amend Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, and 2b to include the words "PRIOR ART".

The proposed changes are indicated in red ink on the enclosed copy of the drawing.

Page 5, lines 14-17, of the specification provide support for this amendment.

Approval of the proposed amendment is respectfully requested.

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